

3. A method according to claim 1, wherein the TDMA radio system utilises the GPRS protocol.

4. A method according to claim 1, wherein the TDMA radio system utilises the HSCSD protocol.

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5. (Amended) A time division multiple access (TDMA) radio system having multi-slot capabilities and utilising half-duplex transmission/reception where uplink and downlink user data transmissions between a mobile station and a base station are made in separate TDMA features, the system comprising control means for allocating a greater number of time slots in each downlink TDMA frame than in each uplink TDMA frame, to said mobile station.

6. A mobile communication device arranged to operate in a time division multiple access (TDMA) radio system having multi-slot capabilities, the mobile communication device comprising a radio module utilising half-duplex transmission/reception where uplink and downlink user data transmissions between the mobile communication device and a base station are made in separate TDMA frames, wherein a greater number of time slots may be allocated in each downlink TDMA frame than in each uplink TDMA frame, to the mobile communication device.

#### REMARKS

Claim 5 has been amended.

Claims 1 - 6 are in the case.

#### REJECTIONS:

Claim 5 was objected to for reciting the phrase "capable of" which was noted as not being a positive limitation.

Claims 1, 2, 5, and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious and unpatentable over the reference PERSSON (US 5,442,635) in view of the reference OHTA (US 5,878,277).